Special Alcohol Funds

Overview

In 1979, the Kansas State Legislature established a 10 percent gross receipts tax on the sale of liquor, including spirits, wine and strong beer. Effective July 1, 1987, the drink tax applied to caterers and drinking establishments in iwetî counties. Revenue generated locally by this tax is distributed to the City for the purpose of providing substance abuse treatment and prevention services. Under the State law, one-third of the tax revenue is credited directly to the General Fund, one-third goes to the Special Alcohol and Drug Programs Fund, and the final third is credited to the Special Parks and Recreation Fund.

Finance and Operations

Through contracts with delegate agencies, the Special Alcohol funds provide treatment and intervention services for over 5,000 citizens of Wichita and Sedgwick County annually. The mix of clients served by the agencies includes 12 percent youth clients, 37 percent female clients and 42 percent minority clients.

City Council authorized COMCARE to administer the Special Alcohol & Drug Programs. Administration activities include monitoring of delegate agency performance and their program budgets. Recommendations to the City Council for current and future levels of support will be



The Special Parks & Recreation fund supports fun activities for kids like the Arts Program.

based, in part, on results generated by COMCARE's ongoing process of measuring and benchmarking program outcomes, a process that began in 1998.

Expenditures from the Special Parks & Recreation fund are to be made only for the purchase, establishment, maintenance, or expansion of park and recreational services, programs and facilities. The fund provides support for the following programs: Summer of Discovery, After School Playground, Grade School Night, Teen Night, Saturday Recreation, Summer Playground, Arts Program, Hoop It Up, Greater Wichita Junior Football, programs for the disabled, city-wide athletic events, free swimming and child care. Support of qualifying programs sponsored by the Art Museum and Library may also be included.

Special Alcohol Funds Budget Summary					
	2001	2002	2002	2003	2004
	Actual	Adopted	Revised	Adopted	Approved
Special Alcohol & Drug Programs					
Revenues	1,238,853	1,157,240	1,279,250	1,275,470	1,308,260
Expenditures	965,275	1,209,940	2,072,010	1,316,260	1,346,930
Fund Balance	896,173	31,445	103,413	62,623	23,653
Special Parks & Recreation					
Revenues	1,202,183	1,155,250	1,240,080	1,279,610	1,310,230
Expenditures	1,142,500	1,165,350	1,165,350	1,398,170	1,314,280
Fund Balance	113,290	34,117	188,020	69,460	65,700
Total FTE positions	0	0	0	0	0

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